Non-functional telephones in Nandla, Himachal Pradesh

2122. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received numerous complaints regarding non-working of telephones in Village Nandla in Shimla district, Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the concerned engineers and officers have not paid due attention to the problems; and

(d) the action proposed/being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, the average fault rate (Number of faults per hundred connections per month) for the last three months for Nandla Village is 7.2 which is equal to the BSNL's overall average fault rate.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Does not arise as the faults were promptly attended.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

Obstruction in the network

†2123. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has in its report expressed its concern over the level of obstructions in the networks of Bharati, Reliance and other private telecom companies and public sector company, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.;

(b) what has been the level of obstruction, State-wise in the networks of private telecom companies and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. remained in excess of the prescribed standards in urban and rural areas during last three years; and

† Original notice of the question was received tn Hindi.